

Agriculture Equipment Lighting and Reflector Standards

This Act requires certain types of agricultural equipment which are manufactured after a certain date and operated on a highway in the state to have lights and reflectors that comply with the standards set by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. The lights and reflectors are designed to help drivers recognize the size and shape of the equipment with which they must share rural roads at night, helping to prevent both accidents and close calls. The law also calls for a review by the appropriate state regulators of any updates to the slow-moving vehicle emblem standard as they are issued, and allows manufacturers to comply with subsequent lighting and marking standards as issued.

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Indiana

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Status: Enacted into law in 2005.

Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act may be cited as “An Act to Standardize Lighting
2 Systems for Certain Types of Agricultural Equipment.”
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4 Section 2. [*Lighting Systems: Agricultural Equipment Manufactured after a Certain*
5 *Date and When Operated on a Highway.*] An implement of husbandry or a farm tractor
6 manufactured after [June 30, 2006] must be equipped with:

7 (1) head lamps;

8 (2) tail lamps;

9 (3) work lamps;

10 (4) warning lamps;

11 (5) extremity lamps;

12 (6) turn indicators;

13 (7) rear reflectors;

14 (8) front and rear conspicuity material; and

15 (9) front, rear, and side retroreflective material; that comply with the standards
16 contained in the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) Standard S279.11 DEC01
17 or any subsequent standards developed by ASAE at the time the vehicle was manufactured.
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19 Section 3. [*Rules and Regulations Concerning Slow Moving Vehicles.*]

20 (a) The state [criminal justice institute] shall adopt rules establishing standards and
21 specifications for the design, materials, and mounting of a standard slow moving vehicle emblem
22 for the uniform identification of slow moving vehicles.

23 (b) When adopting rules under subsection (a), the state [criminal justice institute] shall
24 substantially adhere to the current recommendations of the American Society of Agricultural
25 Engineers, the American National Standards Institute, and the Society of Automotive Engineers
26 so that the slow moving vehicle emblem may be more universally recognizable and of adequate
27 quality.

28 (c) The [state criminal justice institute] shall adopt revisions to the standards and
29 specifications adopted as required under subsection (a) as amendments are made to the
30 recommendations of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the American National
31 Standards Institute, and the Society of Automotive Engineers regarding the slow moving vehicle
32 emblem.

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34 Section 4. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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36 Section 5. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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38 Section 6. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]